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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), within which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed July 17, 2002; that is, up to and including **January 17, 2003**. Please charge the fee for this extension, as required by 37 CFR § 1.17(a), to our Deposit Account No. 50-1807, as provided in the accompanying Transmittal.

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed July 17, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification (page 1, lines 6-10) to read as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/282,817 (filed on March 31, 1999), now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,284,199, and 09/464,806 (filed on December 17, 1999), now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,503,470, which are both incorporated by reference herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 15 and amend claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 14 and 18 to read as follows:

(amended) A method for controlling total mercury emissions in a flue gas

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